

Application No. 09/883,705
Reply to Office action of June 16, 2004

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 13, 15-17 and 21-23 have been allowed. Although reserving the right to file system and/or composition claims in a divisional or continuation application, to expedite issuance of the allowed claims, Applicants have either canceled unallowed claims or amended said claims as method claims dependent on the claims already allowed by the Examiner. All remaining claims should therefore be patentable. One new independent claim (claim 30) has been added.

Specifically, claims 1-7, 18, 19 and 27 (previously withdrawn) have been amended such that they are now method claims that depend, directly or indirectly, from allowed base claim 13. Further, claim 4 has been simplified without giving up any of the substance of the claim.

Claims 8-11, 14, 20, 24-26 and 28 have previously been canceled.

Claims 12 and 29 are canceled.

New claim 30 has been added.

The title has been amended to more appropriately describe the invention as now claimed.

No new matter has been added. Allowance of all pending claims, i.e., claims 1-7, 13, 15-19, 21-23, 27 and 30, is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 731-7244.

Respectfully submitted,

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